

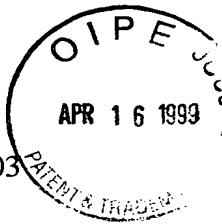
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE FOR
PROCESSING IMAGES WHICH ARE
RECORDED IN A RECORDING
MEDIUM, AND A METHOD
THEREOF

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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5,018,017	Sasaki et al.	05/21/91

A copy of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 1-278170 is enclosed herewith, as well as an English-language translation.

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The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialled copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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